THE MARIAGE OF Prince FREDERICKE,

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With the showes on land and water, before, and after the wedding, as also the Maskes and Reuells in his Highnes Court, with the running at the Ring, by the Kings Maiestie, the Palsegraue, Prince Charles, and diuers others of the Nobilitie.

NOW THE SECOND TIME IMPRINTED, with many new additions, of the same tryumphs, performed by the Gentlemen of the Innes of Court in the Kings Pallace of white Hall.

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BEing desirous to giue satisfaction to certaine of my acquaintance in the countrey; most willing to vnderstand the manner of the tryumphes holden at the royall marriage, of his Maiesties daughter, Princesse Elizabeth.

I haue made meanes for the true intelligences thereof, and I hope according to the content of the Reader, I haue set forth here a true discourse of the same.

First, of the shewes and Fire workes vpon the waters before the mariage performed, vpon thursday night, being the eleuenth of Februarie.

Then the imitation of a Sea Fight vpon Saterday following.

Also of the royall and Princely passage of Prince Palsegraue with his renowned bride, to his highnes chappell at white Hall, where in the presence of his Maiestie and the noble state, they were married, to make vs reioyce, with a wished happines, with the maskes and reuels following, shewes of more royaltie, then euer in this Age was scene in the court of England.

Therefore let the Readers hereof, prepare himselfe, to entertaine them with extraordinarie ioy, and receiue the good will of the writer, for a tribute, to be paide as a dew to his countrey.

Ioyfull Triumphs

The manner of the fire workes ſhewed vpon the Thames vpon the Thurſday before the wedding.

TO begin theſe tryumphant ſpoꝛts, his highnes, the Quéenes Maieſtie, Pꝛince Charles, Pꝛince Fredericke, with the Pꝛinces Elizabeth his royall bꝛide, and the reſt of the nobilitie of England, vpon Thurſday the eleuenth of Febꝛuarie in the euening, being placed in the galleries and windowes about his Highnes Court of white Hall, where in the ſight of thouſands of people, many artificiall concluſions in Fire woꝛkes were vpon the *Thames* perfoꝛmed, and that the pleaſurable ſights on the water, might equall the ſumptuous ſhowes on the land, thus they pꝛocœded.

Firſt, foꝛ a welcome to the beholders, a peale of oꝛdinance like vnto a terrible thunder ratled in the ayer, and ſœmed as it were to ſhake the earth: Immediately vpon this, a Racket of Fire burſt from the water, and mounted ſo high into the Element that it dazeled the beholders eyes to loke after it.

Secondly, followed a number moꝛe of the ſame faſhion, ſpꝛeading ſo ſtrangely with ſparkling blazes, that the ſkie ſœmed to be filled with fire, oꝛ that there had bœne a combate of darting ſtarres fighting in the ayꝛe, and all the time theſe continued, certaine cannons planted in the fields adioyning made thundꝛing muſicke, to the great pleaſure of the beholders.

After this in a moſt curious manner, an artificiall fireꝛwoꝛke with great wonder was ſœne flying in the ayꝛe, like vnto a dꝛagon, againſt which an other fierie viſion appeared flaming like to Saint George on Hoꝛſebacke, bꝛought in by aburning Inchanter, betwœne which was then fought a moſt ſtrange battell continuing a quarter of an howꝛ oꝛ moꝛe: the dꝛagon being vanquiſhed, ſœmed to roꝛe like thunder, and withall burſt in pœces and ſo vaniſhed, but the champion with his flaming hoꝛſe foꝛ a litle time made a ſhew of a truimphant conqueſt, and ſo ceaſed.

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After this, was heard an other ratling ſound of Cannons, almoſt couering the ayre with fire and ſmoake, and forthwith appeared out of a hill of earth made vpon the water, a very ſtrange fire flaming vpright like vnto a blazing ſtarre: After which flew forth a number of rackets ſo high in the ayre, that we could not chuſe but approue by all reaſons that Arte hath exceeded Nature, ſo artificially were they performed, and ſtill as the Chambers and Culuerines plaide vpon the earth, the fire workes danced in the ayre, to the great delight of his Highnes, and the other Princes.

Out of the ſame mount or hill of earth flew an other ſtrange peece of artificiall fire-worke, which was in the likenes of a hunted Hart, running vpon the waters ſo ſwiftly, as it had bene chaced by many huntſmen.

After the ſame, iſſued out of the mount, a number of hunting hounds made of fire burning, purſuing the aforeſaid Harte vp and downe the waters, making many rebounds and turnes with much ſtrangenes: ſkipping in the ayre, as it had bene a vſuall hunting vpon land.

Theſe were the noble delights of Princes, and prompt were the wits of men to contriue ſuch Princely pleaſures.

Where Kings commands be, Art is ſtretcht to the true depth, as the performance of theſe Enginers haue here approued.

But now again to our wiſhed ſports, when this fiery hunting extinguiſhed, and that the Elements a little cleared from fire and ſmoake, there came ſayling vp, as it were vpon the Seas, certaine ſhippes and gallies brauely rigd with top and top gallant, with their flagges and ſtreamers wauing like men of warre, which repreſented a Chriſtian Nauie oppoſed againſt the Turkes, where after they had a while houered, preparing as it were to make an incurſion into the Turkiſh countrey, they were diſcouered by two Towers or Caſtles of defence, ſtrongly furniſhed to intercept all ſuch inuading purpoſes, ſo ſending forth the reports of a canon, they were brauely anſwered with the like from the gallies, banding fire and powder one from an other, as if the God of battels had bene there preſent.

Here was the manner of a Sea Fight rightly performed:

Ioyfull Triumphs

First by assayling one an other, all striuing for victorie, and pursuing each other with Fire and sword, the Chuerines merily plaid betwixt them, and made the ayre resound with thundring Ecchoes, and at last, to represent the ioyes of a victorie, the Castles were sacked, burned and ruinated, and the defenders of the same forced to escape with great danger.

During the time of all these triumphant exercises, there was not a man vnbusied, but euery one laboured, some on Land, some on Water, some one way, some an other, to moue his Highnes, and the rest of his princely friends a pleasing content, which hee and the other Princes with a gratious acceptance, applauded, to the great comfort of the performers, and no litle ioy to the beholders.

The next morning, being Fryday, his Highnes, not intending to grace the following sports with his presence, gaue cause of forbearãce, with some rest to the Engineers for their great toyle the night before.

Moreouer, it was thought conuenient that a whole dayes preparatiõ should be made, in prouiding against the Saterdayes pastimes, which moued a more longing desire in the harts of his subiects to see the same, which at the time appointed was in this maner accomplied.

The manner of a Sea fight, shewed vpon the Thames, vpon the Saterday before the wedding.

Betweene the howers of two and three of the clocke the same day in the after noone being Saterday, the Kings Maiestie, accompanied with the Queene, and the rest of the Princes and Peeres of estate, to adde the more glory to these pretended shewes, placed themselues in great royaltie vpon the priuie staires of white Hall, where after a while expecting the beginning of the desired fire workes, the Lord Admirall sent forth two or three gentlemen in a whirrie, with a flagge or banner to signifie the King, and the Nobilities tarriance for the representations,

tations, which was answered with an Intelligence by the repoꝛt, from a great cannon, whereupon a certaine Venetian man of Warre, and a ship called a Caruell, came pꝛoudly with their flagges and colours sayling vp, in the sight of seuentéene Turkish gallies which lay houering vpon Lambeth side, betwixt whom was a most royall and pꝛaise woꝛthy Imitation of a sea fight in such soꝛt perfoꝛmed, as if the danger of such an Enterpꝛise had bene by true action attempted, all which explaines the honoꝛs of martialists, and made his Maiestie, with many thousands of people of all soꝛts, and of many Nations eye-witnesses of the true manner of such like incounters. But not to be troublesome in my discourses, I will bꝛiefly explaine the incounters as they passed.

There was a barre oꝛ a kind of artificiall fence made vpon the riuer of Thames with Barges and Lighters chained together, to keepe out passengers, which otherwise with much vnrulines would haue hindered the pastimes, and much troubled the perfoꝛmers, but being thus hemde in, as it were vpon the maine Seas, the two Venetian shippes as I said befoꝛe, falling within danger of the Turkish gallies, indured a fresh encounter, and long time most woꝛthily defended themselues, but by reason of the number of the gallies, they were at last boarded, taken, and carried as bote and pꝛize vnder the commaund of a Turkish Castle, which repꝛesented and bare the name of the castle of *Argeir*, Furnished with 22. well appꝛoued great pæces of Oꝛdinance, which was contriued and built vpon *Lambeth* side, at a place named *Stand-gate*, inuironed with craggie Rocks as the said Castle is now scituate in Turkie.

After the Gallies had taken these Venetian ships, and deliuered them into the Turkish Admiralls commaund, they had sight of an other Argosay oꝛ Galliaza, which seemed to be of *Spaine*, which likewise after a fierce conflict they made pꝛize of, and with much tryumph rendꝛed the same vp also to the Turkish Admirall.

After this, vpon a suddaine there was a thundꝛing peale of Oꝛdinance oꝛ Chambers placed in *Lambeth Marshe*, whereupon the Scoutes and Watches of the Castle, discouered an English

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Nauie, to the number of fiftæne Saile of the Kings Pinnaces, making vp towards the point, with their red croſt Streamers moſt gallantly wauing in the Ayre, to the great delight of all the beholders, which as then ſæmed to couer ouer the Thames i i Boates and Barges.

Neare vnto this place ſtood a high built watch Towre, or Beacon of the Turkes, which at the firſt ſight of the Engliſh Nauie was ſet on fire, as the manner is at all ſuch incurſions, which blazing Light (as it ſæmed) gaue notice to the Caſtle, and cauſed a readines in the ſame for defence: In the meane time, the Kings Pinnaces and the Turkiſh Gallies ioynde, betwixt whom, were ſhowne many ſtrange attempts, euen as they had ventured their very liues for their countries ſafeties: they ſpared neither powder nor pollicie, to ſacke ons an other, but on both ſides beſtird themſelues ſo brauely, that his Highneſſe withall the reſt of his attendants were therewith much delighted: At laſt the Galliss being ouercharged with long and forward incounters of the Engliſh Nauie, for refuge and ſhelter made new vnto the Caſtle, which began likewiſe to play brauely vpon the Engliſh, and with their thundering Ordinance made as it were the ground to ſhake.

The Kings Nauie to anſwere them was not backward in a performance, but made the ayre glomie with fire and ſmoake roaring from their lowde mouthed Cannons.

The fight for a time continued fiercely, the victorie leaning to neither ſide, either of them attempting to aſſault and board each other, but at laſt the Gallies being ſore bruzed and beaten, began to yæld, wherevpon the Engliſh Admirall fell downe and caſt anker before the Caſtle, and then ſpared not in the beſt manner to thunder off their Ordinance, whereat the Turkes yældded both Caſtle and Gall es, and ſubmitted to the conqueſt of the Engliſh Admirall, who fiered many of the ſaid Gallies, ſacked the Caſtle, and toke priſoner the Turkiſh Admirall, with diuers Baſhawes and other great Turkes, and alſo recouered the *Venetian* and *Spaniſh* Shippes, before taken by the Gallies. After the performance of all theſe aforeſaid, the Engliſh Admirall, in a moſt tryumphant manner carried as a priſoner, the Admirall

mirall of the Gallies attired in a red Jacket with blew sleeues, according to the Turkish fashion, with the Bashawes, and the other Turkes, guarded to his Highnes priuie Staires of white Hall, where his grace, Prince *Palsgraue*, and his Lady remained, which prisoners were lead by Sir *Robert Mansfield*, to the Lord Admirall, and by him they were conueyed to the Kings Maiestie, as a representation of pleasure, which to his Highnes moued delight, and highly pleased all there present.

All these aforesaid pastimes were most nobly performed betweene the howres of three and sixe in the after noone, to the great content as well of forraigne nations as of our owne country people, whereof in one place, and at one time, hath bene seldome seene a greater number.

Also for a Farewell to this dayes pleasures, a traine of Chambers were discharged in Saint *Georges* Field of a long continuance, and of such an Ecchoing thunder, that they euen amazed the hearers. Thus ended Saterdayes shewes vpon the waters, being the eue of this great Mariage day.

The manner of the Marriage vpon Shroue-sunday, with the Royall passage of Prince *Fredericke* and *his Bride to his Maiesties Chappell at White-Hall.*

BVt now to relate and make knowne the royall passage of the renowmed Bride-growne and his faire Bride, (for the satisfying of many thousands) as they entred into his Highnes Chappell at White-Hall: the next day being Sunday, euen ouercomes me with a reioycing description.

The Court being placed full of people of many Estates, sortes, and Nations, and their eyes and hearts fixed to behold the pompious glory of this Marriage in great Royaltie.

First came the *Palsgraue*, from the newe built Banquetting-house, attired in a white Satten sute, richly beset with Pearle and Golde, attended on by a number of young gallant Courtiers, both English, Scottish, and Dutch, all in rich manner, euery one striuing to excede in sumptuous habilliaments, fitte

for the attendants of so princely a Bride-groome. After came the Lady *Elizabeth*, in her Virgin-robes, clothed in a gowne of white Satten richly embrodered, lead betweene her royall brother Prince *Charles*, and the Earle of *Northampton*: vpon her head a crowne of refined golde, made Imperiall (by the Pearles and Dyamonds thereupon placed,) which were so thicke beset, that they stood like shining pinnacles, vpon her amber coloured haire, dependantly hanging plaighted downe ouer her shoulders to her Waste, betweene euery plaight a role or liste of Gold-spangles, Pearles, Riche stones, and Diamonds, and withall, many Diamonds of inestimable value, imbrothered vpon her sleeue, which euen dazeled and amazed the eies of the beholders: her traine in most sumptuous manner, carryed vp by fourteene or fifteene Ladies, attired in white Satten gownes, adorned with many rich Jewells.

After went a traine of Noble-mens Daughters, in white Vestements, gloriously set forth: which Virgin Bride-maides attended vpon the Princesse, like a skye of Celestiall starres, vpon faire *Phœbe*. After them, came another traine of gallant young Courtiers, flourishing in seuerall Sutes, Embrothered and Pearled, who were Knightes, and the sonnes of great Courtiers: After them, came foure Heroldes at Armes, in their rich coates of Heroldrie, and then followed many Earles, Lords, and Barrons, as well of Scotland as England, in most noble manner, then the king of Heroldes, bearing vpon his shoulder a Mace of golde, and then followed the honourable Lords of his Highnes priuie Councell, which passed along after the Traine towards the Chappell, and then came foure reuerend Bishops of the Land in their Church abilliaments: After them foure Sargiants of the Mace in great state, bearing vpon their shoulders foure rich Enamelled Maces.

Then followed the right Honorable the Earle of *Arundell*, carrying the Kings Sword: And then in great Royaltie the Kings Maiestie himselfe in a most sumptuous blacke sute, with a Dyamond in his hatte of a wonderfull great value; Close vnto him came the Queene, attired in white Satten, beautified with much embrothery, and many Diamonds; Vpon her attended a num-

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ber of marryed Ladies, the Countesses, and wiues of Earles and Barrons, apparelled in most noble manner, which added glory vnto this triumphant time and Marriage.

These were the passages of our States of England, accompanying the princely Bride and Bridegroome to his Highnes Chappell, where after the celebration of the Marriage, contracted in the presence of the King, the Quœne, Prince *Charles*, and the rest aforesaide: they returned into the banquetting house with great ioy.

The Lady *Elizabeth* being thus made a Wife, was led backe, not by two Batchellors as before, but by the Duke of *Lineux*, and the Earle of *Nottingham*, in a most reuerend manner, before the *Palsegrane*. At his returne from the chappell, went fiue of his owne Country gallants, clad in crimson Veluet, laide exceedingly thicke with gold lace, bearing in their hands fiue siluer Trumpets, who no sooner comming into the Banquetting house, but they presented him with a melodious sound of the same, flourishing so delightfully, that it greatly reioyced the whole Court, and caused thousands to say at that instant time, *God giue them ioy, God giue them ioy.*

Thus preparing for dinner, they passed away a certaine time, and after fell to Dancing, Masking, and Reuelling, according to the custome of such Assemblies, which continued all the day, and part of the night in great pleasure.

The order of the Mundayes showes, with the Kings running at the Ring with the Nobilitie of the Land.

The next day (being Shroue-munday) by the King and Nobilitie of England was spent in great honour, where their rich Robes of Estate seconded the day before, with many commendable graces: for the whole Court so gloriously shined with Imbrothered abilliaments, that it made euen a smiling chærefulnes sit vpon the countenances of many thousand beholders.

Ioyfull Triumphs

For the Kings Maiestie in his owne person, accompanied with his braue spirited sonne Prince *Charles* of great *Britaine*, the Royall Bride-groome, *Count Pallatine*, the Duke of *Linneux*, with diuers other of the Earles and Barrons of *England* and *Scotland*, together with the praise-worthy Peeres of the Netherland Prouinces, performed many famous races at the Ring, an exercise of much renowne and honour, and the knightly sports, and the Royall delights onely besitting the dignitie of Kings and Princes, and of the chiefest Nobilitie.

First, about the rayles or lists in the Tylt-yard, adioyning to White Hall, were placed many Heroldes at Armes, to beautifie the honourable atchiefements of these knightly Potentates, and withall, the Knight marshall of England, and his seruants, all in new liueries with their staues of office, to abate the two forward vnruhines of many disordered people, which otherwise would haue much troubled the Turnaments, and as an ayde vnto them, many of his Highnes Yoemen of the Guard were attendant in the lists, and withall, most of the Kings Trumpetters in their rich imbrothered coates, the pentioners and Knights of his graces houshold with their guilded Pole-ares, guarding as it were in a round, the King with his Knightly followers.

The Quœnes Maiestie, with her daughter the Princes Elizabeth, attended on by many of the greatest Ladies of the Land, being placed in the Galleries and windowes of the Banquetting house, In the presence of many thousands of his Subiects, the King mounted vpon a Steed of much swiftnes, was the first that began the honourable passtimes, and like a most noble martialist toke the King vpon his speare, three seuerall times together, whereat the trumpets still sounded to the great ioy of all the beholders.

After him the Illustrious Prince, *Count Palatine*, vpon a horse of that braue courage, which seemed to stand vpon no ground, where with a spirit of much forwardnes, he toke the King vpon his speare twise together, so lightly, and so nimbly, that the whole assembly gaue him high commendations.

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After him, the braue young flower, and hope of England, Prince *Charles*, mounted as it were vpon a Spanish Iennet, that takes his swiftnes from ỹ nature of the winde, most courageously, and with much agillitie of hand, toke the Ring clearely foure times in fiue courses, which was in the eye of the Kings Maiestie and the Nobilitie, there present, a sight of much admiration, and an exceeding comfort to all the land.

The Duke of *Lineux*, the Earle of *Arundell*, the Earle of *Dorset*, the Lord *Haddindon*, with diuers other Barrons of England, and Scotland, afterward, in honour of this magnificent mariage, performed many worthy races, and many times toke the Ring with much strangenes, a pleasure so princely, that it euen made the beholders hearts to leape with ioy.

The Queenes Maiestie, with her daughter the Princes, all the while standing in the windowes, as eye-witnesses to these noble delights, smiled with much cheerefulnes, graciously thanking them all for their loues, but especially the new maried Bride, in honour of whose mariage all these courtly pastimes were performed.

Of the Maskes and Reuells presented by the Gentlemen of the Innes of Court, vpon the Munday night.

THe proceeding Night, sports were as sumptuous, as the passed dayes, and in as gallant a manner performed: whereof to satisfie the desirefull Reader, I must thus speake of.

The Gentlemen of the Innes of Court, in the best and rarest manner they could deuise, prepared Maskes and Reuells in the Court, that night to be presented: and about the houres of eight or nine, they passed from the *Roles* in *Chancery-Lane*, to *White Hall*, in as royall manner as euer gallants did to the Court of *England*.

First, there rode some three score braue spirited Gentlemen vpon great Bard-horses, most richly trapped with imbrothered

furnitures, themselues attired in cloth of golde and tissue, most gloriously shining, lighted by a number of torches, to beautifie the showe with more Eye-pleasing delights.

After them, some fiue and thirtie Maskers, diuided by twelues, in most strange Antickes futes, in a most admirable and stately manner. Likewise vpon costly trapped steedes, each of them hauing a Blackamoze Page attending on Horse backe, with torch lights burning in their hands.

After them followed three Charriots of Maskers and Reuellers, in garments of a meruellous fashion, so artificially disguised, that they moued much wonder. Vpon them attended a number of Footemen, bearing burning torches, and withall, many trumpets sounding melodiously, which was a sight both to Eye and Eare, of an exceeding glorie: These performed many delightfull dances in his Highnes presence, and other pastimes of pleasure, to the great comfort of all the beholders, and to the high honours of this magnificent Marriage.

Of the Tryumphs and Reuells vpon the next night following, being Shroue-tuesday.

THe next day being Shroue-tuesday, a day of pleasure, and Iollitie by custome, but farre more delightfull by reason of this magnificent mariage, which moued many occasions of mirth in his Highnes court, for euery day in seuerall attires, were the Nobilitie of the land seene flourishing in the chamber of presence, and much was the cost spent in banqueting of forraigne estates, as wel Princes Embassadors, as the Peeres and Nobles attending vpon the *Palsegraue*, which vpon this day was as royally performed, as vpon the former.

The bountie of his Maiestie exceeded, for his Highnes court was free for all people of fashion, as well Cittizens as others, and few came thither that departed without kind entertainement for liberalitie, with spreading armes kept open household, whereby the time may well be recorded for a time of Princes pleasures, by reason Princes were the maintainers thereof.

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The night proceeding, much expectation was made of a stage play to be acted in the great Hall by the Kings Players, where many hundreds of people stood attending the same: but it hapned contrarie, for greater pleasures were preparing, which in this manner were performed, as vpon the night before a most famous maske came to court, by the Gentlemen and students of the lawe, from the Roles Office, by land, to some three hundred Gentlemen more, of the same estate and calling, by water, to equall them in statelines, came likewise vp the Thames by water, with a maske to White Hall, at whose setting forth from Winchester-house in their Barges, a peale of ordinance placed on the backeside, seemed as it were thunder, the Barges were beautified with many flagges and Streamers, lighted with a number burning cressets and torches, attended on by Drums and Trumpets, which sounded all the way most melodiously, the Gentlemen and maskers, had most glorious and rich suites of cloth of gold and siluer, with other Robes of much delight and pleasure, their entertainements in Court were gratious, and their performance as curious as the skill and Art of wit could deuise, at which the King and all the royall assembly there present, toke high contentment.

The Kings Maiestie, in the royaltie of his minde, and in regard of these rare deuises of the Gentlemen of the Innes of Court, (being most of them sonnes to great states of the land) inuited them all within few daies after, to a royall banquet, where not onely by his Highnes, but by the *Palsegraue* and his Bride, they had most kind and friendly thankes.

And now to conclude my discourse, the ioyes hereof were declared in manie places, as well Citie as Court: for the Belles of *London* rung generally in euery Church, and in euery streete Bonfires blazed abundantly, there was neither cost nor paines spared by his Highnes subiects, that any way might giue signes of ioy, for the Marriage of his princely daughter to her royall Husband, whom God blesse with long happines, and Throanes of Angelles keepe and defend. Amen.

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Arctic Royal Marriage.